

# Crystal Cave Rocks!



Explore fabulous formations! Protected since its discovery in 1918, this is the only one of over 200 known caves in these parks that can be toured.

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy them at least 1-1/2 hours in advance of your tour.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles (24 km) from the Sequoia Park entrance on Hwy 198, and 3 miles (5 km) south of the General Sherman Tree (see map on page 12). Maximum vehicle length is 22' (6.7 m).

Use restrooms at the parking lot; these are not available at the cave. Wear sturdy shoes; the 1/2-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep. Bring a jacket; the cave is 50 F (10 C).

No strollers, tripods, or baby backpacks. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask about Wild Cave Tours and group reservations! Operated by SNHA: 1-559-565-3759.

## • 45-minute Tours (be sure to check details above)

**Schedule:** Daily 11am-4pm on the hour. Starting 6/11, daily 11am-4pm on the half-hour through Monday, 9/5. Tours then continue on a reduced schedule into fall. Extra tours may be added other times.

**Fees:** Ages 6-12 \$5.95; age 13-61 \$10.95; age 62 & up, \$8.95; under 6 free. National Park & Golden Age passes do not apply. SNHA members get a 50% discount!

## • 1-1/2 hour Discovery Tours

Daily at 4:15 pm through 9/02. Try a more in-depth tour of this fabulous cave! Limited to 16 people aged 13 & up.

Fee: \$18.95 each (\$17.95 seniors, \$16.95 for SNHA members).

**WALKS & TALKS** Free ranger-led walks & talks are offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Dorst, Wuksachi, Grant Grove, Cedar Grove, the Foothills, & Forest Service areas. Check bulletin boards for schedules. Pages 8 & 9 have more details. Please join us!

**VISITOR CENTERS** Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy. They also sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, & other items. Remember: all your purchases there help to support the parks! See pages 8 & 9 for hours and locations.

**JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM** People of all ages earn a patch while learning to protect resources. Those 5 to 8 years old earn the Jay Award. If you are 9 to 12 years old, work for a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn a Senior patch! To get started, purchase a Jr. Ranger booklet in any visitor center. Follow the instructions & have fun!

**TEACHERS: BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS!** Rangers offer fun, curriculum-based programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 6th-grade classes in spring & fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, & other cultural history. Reserve a date for your class! Call 1-559-565-4303.

**FIELD CLASSES & SEMINARS** See the exciting list of options for you on the back of the insert from the Sequoia Natural History Association found in this paper. There's no better way to get to know your park!

# Activities



## CELEBRATE SEQUOIAS IN SEPTEMBER!

The 7th Annual Celebrate Sequoias Festival returns to Grant Grove Village on September 10, 2005. Enjoy walks to less-visited groves, music, arts and crafts, kid's activities, and talking to experts about the awesome giant sequoias.

## WHERE CAN I...

*You are visiting two different areas - a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest (USFS). Some activities may be illegal in the Park but legal in the Forest. See page 2 to learn more, and use a map to know where you are!*

• **WALK A PET?** *In Parks: Not on trails but it's ok in developed areas (campgrounds, picnic areas, roads). In National Forest: Pets can go on trails. In both areas: Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Don't leave pets in hot cars.*

• **GO FISHING?** *In both areas: Permitted during the season; a California fishing license is required for ages 16 & up. Get copies of park-specific regulations at any visitor center.*

• **HAVE A FIRE?** *In Parks: Only in fire grills in campgrounds & some picnic areas. In National Forest: Fire permits are required outside picnic area grills & campgrounds. Get one at Grant Grove Visitor Center, Big Stump Entrance Station, or the USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.*

• **COLLECT THINGS?** *Not in Parks: Leave everything to play its natural role in the ecosystem. In National Forest: Gathering a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. In both areas: Archeological sites & artifacts are protected by law.*

• **FEED WILDLIFE?** *Not in either area! Animals become unnaturally dependent. Some can be dangerous and may have to be killed. Some can carry disease. Roadside beggars get hit by cars.*

• **RIDE A BICYCLE?** *In Parks: Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail. In National Forest: Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. In both areas: Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People under 18 must wear a helmet.*

• **CUT WOOD?** *Not in the Parks. In National Forest: Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit & guidelines: 559-338-2251.*

• **GO PICNICKING?** *See picnic symbols on map (back page). Never leave food unattended! Most sites have tables, restrooms & fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills & Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Grizzly Falls, Halstead, & Powdercan.*

• **GO CAMPING?** *In Parks: Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. In National Forest: In campgrounds or,*

*unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road & no further.*

• **DRIVE OFF-ROAD?** *Not in either area. Stay on roads.*

### • RIDE HORSEBACK

Rides by-the-hour; back-country spot trips & guides.

#### Cedar Grove

1-559-565-3464 summer  
1-559-337-2314 off season

#### Grant Grove

1-559-335-9292 summer  
1-559-337-2314 off season

#### Horse Corral (in National Forest/Monument)

1-559-565-3404 summer  
1-559-564-6429 off season  
1-559-679-3573 cell

**Mineral King** Closed for the season. For information call 1-559-565-3106.